13th February 1907, Government wanted to adopt the *pakuthi* (or the survey-village) as the unit of the revenue administration, instead of the *proverthi* which often consisted of several *pakuthies*. Another evil was the large number of ill-paid and inefficient hands in the Taluk and Divisional offices. A very large number of the clerks and accountants were receiving salaries ranging from Rs. 8 to Rs. 12 per mensem. Government felt that a thorough revision of the entire subordinate staff—Village, Taluk and Divisional—was necessary to ensure efficient administration. The *pakuthi* was definitely adopted as the unit of the revenue administration throughout, and this entailed a considerable redistribution of the Village staff. The pay of the Village staff was also increased. In the Taluk and Divisional offices, the number of hands was reduced, the pay however being substantially increased. The staff of the Padmanabhapuram Division was revised during the year, and those of the Trivandrum and Quilon Divisions since the close of the year. The staff of the Kottayam Division will also be revised before the end of 1085. The following figures show the results of the revision already made :—

Name of division.	No. of hands.		Monthly pay of the staff.		Additional expenditure per annum.
	Before the revision.	After the revision.	Before the revision.	After the revision.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Padmanabhapuram	640	482	5,128	5,584	5,472
Trivandrum	466	476	4,068	5,375	15,744
Quilon	1,003	938	8,657	11,005	28,176
Total.....	2,109	1,896	17,848	21,964	49,392

7. Land Records Maintenance:—The above staff is for normal work. It was found that the Land Records Maintenance work was much in arrear in almost all the settled taluks and steps had to be taken for clearing off the arrears. A strong temporary staff was given for the purpose and the work of clearing the arrears was commenced—tentatively—in two taluks, namely, Thovalai and Agastiswaram. It is proposed to continue operations on the above lines, so that Land Records Maintenance may become current in all the settled taluks, within, say, three years or so. Action is being taken to extend operations to the Nedumangad and Neyyattinkara taluks of the Trivandrum Division and to the taluks of Quilon, Kottarakara, Pathanapuram and Shencotta in the Quilon Division.

8. Agriculture:—I mentioned last year that certain proposals made by the Director of Agriculture, for amplifying the operations of his Department, were under consideration. His Highness' Government have since passed orders on those proposals. A staff consisting of three Inspectors and two Sub-Inspectors was sanctioned and the establishments of the existing Trivandrum and Quilon farms were revised. A cattle-breeding farm was newly sanctioned and attached to the Trivan-

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